

REMARKS

Claims 36, 37 and 54-72 are pending in this application, with claim 36 being an independent claim. Claim 36 is amended herewith. Support for the claim amendment can be found, for example, on pages 20, 21 and 25 of the specification.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating in the Advisory Action mailed on September 21, 2004 that if the Amendment mailed on August 30, 2004 had been entered, most of the rejections would have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicant is also submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) so that the previously filed Amendment will be considered.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner also indicates that further amendment of claim 36 is needed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101. Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position, Applicant has amended claim 36 in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

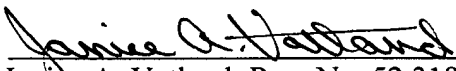
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If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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